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SUBJECT: US WITHDRAWAL FROM KARAMURSEL

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1. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO SEPARATE TREATMENT OF THE
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE US WITHDRAWAL FROM KARAMURSEL AS
FAR AS DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TURKS ARE CONCERNED.
HOWEVER, ALL THESE ASPECTS ARE INTERRELATED AND OUR PAR-
TICULAR DESIRE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO THE CARE-
TAKER LEVEL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE DEPENDS FIRST ON PROMPT
TURKISH CORRINATION/APPROVAL OF ALL THE TRANSFER ACTIONS
SPECIFIED IN PARA 4 REF A. WE ASSUME THAT CJUSMMAT LETTER

(PARA 2 REF B AND PARA 1 REF C) CONSTITUTES THE NECESSARY COORDINATION/APPROVAL ACTION, THEREBY ALLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL PROCESS TO PROCEED IN A DELIBERATE, ORDERLY FASHION WITH REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT THE SPECIFIC CLEARANCE REQUESTS YOU ENVISION WILL NOT PRODUCE INTERMITTENT TURKISH ROADBLOCKS.

2. LEGAL QUESTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY ARE NOT LIMITED TO SECTION 620(X) ONLY. CONSIDERATION MUST ALSO BE GIVEN TO GENERAL LEGISLATION GOVERNING DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY ABROAD AS WELL AS RELEVANT PROVISIONS

OF NATO SOFA AND THE 1969 DCA (OUR POSITION IS THAT THE 1969 DCA IS STILL IN FORCE REGARDLESS OF TURKISH CLAIM THAT IT HAS BEEN SUSPENDED) OR THE 1976 DCA, IF IN FORCE AT THE TIME SPECIFIC DISPOSITION ACTIONS ARE REQUIRED. WE WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN REF B AT A FUTURE DATE CLOSER TO THE FINAL STAGE OF WITHDRAWAL.

3. IN THE MEANTIME OUR CONSIDERATION OF EQUIPMENT DISPOSITION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO DETERMINING WHAT ITEMS MUST BE RETAINED IN THE DOD INVENTORY AND WHAT CAN BE DISPOSED OF BY ONE PROCEDURE OR ANOTHER. WE ARE MINDFUL THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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FUTURE TURKISH PLANS FOR USE OF KARAMURSEL WILL AFFECT THE EQUIPMENT QUESTION. IN ANY EVENT, ANY TRANSFER OF SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT WILL BE BASED ON REQUIREMENTS DETERMINED BY APPROPRIATE US AGENCIES AND WILL BE SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF US LAW WHICH MAY BE IN EFFECT AT THE TIME. WE WISH ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANY LOCAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE TURKS ON THE EQUIPMENT SUBJECT TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE AGENCIES CONCERNED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL EXPERTS IF THEY DESIRE.

4. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANKARA VISIT BY A "SPECIAL TEAM" OR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TURKS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF ANY US AGENCY REGARDING TURN-OVER AT KARAMURSEL TO TURKEY "AS IS" FOR USE IN A JOINT TURKISH/GERMAN VENTURE AS REPORTED IN REF C. CJUSMMAT SHOULD OBTAIN CLARIFYING DETAILS FROM GEN CELASUN ON THIS TOPIC. VANCE

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